

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q77594

Jean STEINMETZ, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/670,513

Group Art Unit: 1793

Confirmation No.: 8638

Examiner: Lois L. ZHENG

Filed: September 26, 2003

For: METHOD FOR TREATING METAL SURFACES BY CARBOXYLATION

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on

May 12, 2009:

REMARKS

During the interview, the following was discussed:

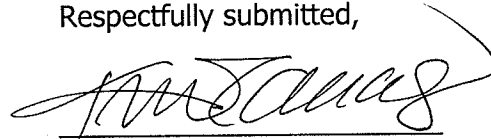
1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration:
2. Identification of claims discussed: Claims 14 and 15.
3. Identification of art discussed: Derule and Emmonds.
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: The possibility of amending the claims to recite the formation of a layer was discussed.
5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: It was argued that Derule does not disclose a solution containing an organic acid and oxidizing agents and that the process of Emmonds is different from the claimed process.
6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed:

7. Results of Interview: The Examiner understood the points being raised by Applicants' representative, but indicated that she would need to review a written response.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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